Nixon's News...and Ours

President Nixon learns about what's being reported in the media from a news summary prepared each day by the White House staff. Below are the first two pages of the summary for July 13, 1973, obtained for The Washington Post by David Zielenziger of Congress Watch. The summary does not include New York and Washington papers, which are delivered to the President daily.

The Washington Post
Times Herald
FINAL
FRIDAY, JULY 13, 1973

Mitchell's Truthfulness Questioned; Nixon Aide Challenges Dean Story

Nixon Is Hospitalized By Viral Pneumonia

Campora Reported Quitting for Peron

Post-Freeze Price Jump Predicted

Moore: President Was Kept in Dark

Grilling By Dash Sharpens Depositions Contrasted To Testimony

Nixon Scores Senators for Gosley Veto

President, Ervin to Meet on Privilege

Drop in Heroin Use Cited

A Virginia Love Story Ends

Youthful Tragedy Was Etched in Black, White

"All the News That's Fit to Print"
The New York Times
NEW YORK, FRIDAY, JULY 13, 1973

NIXON CONSENTS TO A MEETING WITH ERVIN ON PLEA TO AVERT CONSTITUTIONAL CRISIS BUT WON'T TESTIFY OR RELEASE DOCUMENTS

Price Aide Sees Phase 4 Rises

ARGENTINE LEADER IS REPORTED READY TO YIELD TO PERON

Podell Indicted on Charge Of Taking Airline Bribes

NIXON SUFFERING VIRAL PNEUMONIA

Slaying to Avenge Holdups Charged to Sonny Carson

I.R.S. Joins Investigations Into Recording Concerns

Lawyers Examine Ethics In the Light of Watergate

ACTS AS 'COURTESY'

But Some Aides Think President May Make an Accommodation

NIXON CRITICIZES SENATE ON ENVOY

Nixon Aide Disputes Dean On What President Knew

Haldeman Denies Contradict Witnesses

Moore recounted conversations w/RN and Dean in March and stated nothing they said suggested RN had knowledge of Watergate or that Dean thought RN knew of it before Dean "let it all out" on 3/21.... But, reported NBC/CBS w/film clips, Moore was less positive in answering questions about La Costa meeting and his dealings w/ITT case....ABC/CBS reported WH requested Moore testify as soon after Dean as possible, but NBC said it's unclear whether Moore testified at his own or WH's request.

WH's "bitter" (CBS) denunciation of Foreign Relations rejection of Godley as "deplorable" was noted by all nets, w/Mudd saying For. Relations fired the "opening volley" in what "shapes up to be another WH-Hill skirmish." NBC called rejection "highly unusual," w/ABC/NBC noting Fulbright's objection.

NBC/CBS w/film (ABC noted) of fire, w/suspicious origin, that swept thru military personnel record center near St. Louis, destroying perhaps 20M records dating back to WWI. W/few exceptions, records are duplicated elsewhere. NBC noted effect on vets benefits is unknown, but CBS pointed out VA says it had no files at center. NBC noted this was 12th suspicious fire at the center in 2 years.

All nets noted Podell was indicted on charges of receiving $41,000 in bribes to use his influence w/fedl agencies for Fla. air taxi firm seeking approval of regular Fla.-Bahamas. Podell's brother and a Miami businessman also indicted....Podell says he's innocent and considers himself a "WH victim."....Nets noted several days ago Podell charged Justice of blocking investigation into Alplanalp's firm.

CBS w/film of Cox's trip to Hill to request $2.8M in operating funds for next year....ABC w/film report on YR convention "re-affirming their faith in RN."

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NEWS SUMMARY
July 13, 1973
(Thursday nets, wires)

The major stories of day

RN entered Bethesda Hospital for treatment of viral pneumonia. Tkach said there were "no complications" and he should be out of the hospital w/in a week. He noted RN's good health in the past and predicted recovery "should be rapid."

RN agreed to meet w/Ervin privately, possibly next week, after receiving letter and phone call from Ervin as comm attempted to, as Reasoner put it, end the dispute over WH documents on Watergate. Mudd, similarly, said comm was trying to prevent a showdown. Led all nets, w/Chancellor saying it appears RN "gave in a bit." Jarriel said WH's trying to dispel idea "RN blinked first" in confrontation, and Mudd flatly stated it's not a compromise, w/both nets noting WH said RN talked w/Ervin out of "courtesy." ABC/CBS w/film of what NBC's Stern described as Ervin's announcement of "temporary cooling off pact," w/Ervin saying RN assured him they'll meet once RN takes care of pressing matters w/deadlines. ABC also w/film, NBC/CBS noted, of Ervin reading letter to RN requesting meeting in an effort to stave off "the very grave possibility of a fundamental constitutional confrontation" between WH-Hill over the documents, which the comm resolved it had a right of access to.

Concluding his testimony, JNM told of HRH/JDE's concern to keep the lid on Watergate (noted ABC/NBC) and, in Schorr's words, found his "credibility on trial" under questions from Dash. Film on all nets as Dash inquired how JNM expected comm to believe his testimony when it appeared he'd lied under oath previously. JNM disagreed w/Dash's interpretation and suggested comm draw its conclusion from his account and that of witnesses to follow.... Chancellor said JNM's testimony raised many questions, and he wonders if the "1st of the big pro-RN witnesses" really helped RN.

Comm then turned to witness ABC noted. Dean said knew a great deal about the cover-up -- Dick Moore -- who disputed Dean's belief RN knew of cover-up before March 21. On film on all nets,